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A Conference of the C. S. S. S. was held at S. Saviour's House, Philadelphia, on Monday, June 16th, at 11.30 a. m.

There were present—The Master, the Warden, Brs. Hayward, Lobdell, Raker and Ward.

Reports received from—Brs. Cowl, Stone, Bowles, Cogswell, Hitchcock, Macpherson and Purdy.

Br. Stone sent the following Meditation :

Pride and Humility.

1 Pet. V., 5.—"Be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud."

1st Prelude : Think of the Pharasee and Publican, going to the temple for prayers. Pharisee, proud, compares self with other men to own advantage. Publican, humble, compares self with God to own disadvantage. God resists the Pharasee and gives grace to the Publican.

2d Prelude : Pray that as companions of our Blessed Lord, we may be clothed with humility.

Contrast Pride and Humility.

I.—Pride. Greatest sin, for includes all sin. Sin began with pride of Lucifer.

Now pride includes every one of mortal sins. The six other sins only different manifestations of pride. For pride means more than the common notion, that it attends fine clothes, great accomplishments, much wealth. Essence of pride, thought for self, making self the center. Pride, sin of poor as much as of rich.

See how other sins are forms of pride ;

Anger—Thought of self as deserving better treatment than that received.

Gluttony—Thought for body, to gratify and indulge appetite for food and drink.

Lust—Thought for body, to gratify and indulge impure desires.

Covetousness—Thought for self, to have for own what belongs to another.

Envy—Thought for self, "I deserve as much as he."

Sloth—Thought for self, to gratify wish to rest, not to work.

So pride, the sin against God, wise to please self, not God.

II.—Humility, very great virtue, opposite to pride, wish to please God and neighbor rather than self.
Humility, opposite to all mortal sins.

To Anger: "I don't deserve any better treatment, for I have sinned against God and others."

To Gluttony: "I won't think so much of my appetite, and eat and drink all I can to gratify it."

To Lust: "I won't think about my bodily passion and give in to this evil desire."

To Covetousness: "I won't think about my goods and want too much to add to them."

To Envy: "I will believe myself less deserving than others."

To Sloth: "I won't seek ease for myself, but work as God wants me.

So humility includes all virtues.

III.—"*God resisteth the proud.*"

Think of it! Not neglects, ignores, leaves alone, but resists. Why? Because proud resist God.

Proud disrespectful to God; not submissive to Him, takes credit to self for what He does, sets up self against Him. Proud begin to resist God and then He resists them."

IV.—"*Be clothed with humility.*"

Clothing often used to show who a person is. Blue uniform shows soldier in U. S. Army. Body guard, which President is to have, will be distinguished by its clothing.

White robe used to be given to newly baptized. So clothing of humility to show humble heart and mind.

Have harmony between clothing of humility and real character. Know own worthlessness thoroughly and make pride impossible.

Resolve to obey precept of our Blessed Lord. "Be clothed with humility."

The translation S. Thomas, Summa, Pars. III., Questio LXVIII, Art 11, was rendered by the Master. No translation was received from Br. McClellan.

Appointments for July Conference: Br. McClellan to give the meditation; Brs. Purdy and Hatton to translate Art. 12, Questio LXVIII of the Summa.

The *Officium Proprium* closed the Conference.

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